- 1 your conversations with Mr. Nourain would come to a contrary
- 2 -- would lead you to a contrary conclusion?
- 3 A No, they would not.
- 4 Q Thank you, sir.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Before you pass off that document,
- 6 since it's in front of the Witness right now --
- 7 MR. BEGLEITER: Sure.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: -- do you see that sentence just up
- above the one that was read to you by counsel, the one about
- 10 him inadvisedly [sic] assuming --
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Are you familiar with that
- 13 sentence? I mean, you know what it means? Do you
- 14 understand that sentence.
- 15 THE WITNESS: To have granted -- yes, I am.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Now, Mr. -- Mr. Nourain
- has testified in this case -- and I'm going to paraphrase it
- 18 of course -- but he said he had a way of estimating when the
- 19 STAs should be granted. And it came from -- it started with
- 20 a time period when he received the information -- the final
- 21 information that he needed from COMSEARCH which we knew was
- 22 communicated to you. And then he had a count system that
- 23 would bring him up to -- you know, maybe it was ten days
- 24 plus 30 days or something. It came out to about a 40 day
 - 25 time line. And when that fortieth day was hit, bingo, he

- went to -- he called the folks up and said let's go; we're
- 2 going to activate.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Did he ever talk to you about how
- 5 he did that?
- THE WITNESS: No, not at all.
- 7 JUDGE SIPPEL: It never came up?
- 8 THE WITNESS: No.
- 9 JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay.
- 10 MR. BEGLEITER: All right.
- 11 BY MR. BEGLEITER:
- 12 Q Now, sir, I'd like to also point out two other
- things that Mr. Beckner pointed out to you yesterday. And
- 14 that's -- if you'll go to Exhibit 21 of the Time
- 15 Warner/Cablevision thick -- thick volume.
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And I'd like to read to yourself now Numbers 5 and
- 18 9.
- 19 MR. BEGLEITER: I'm not going to read it out loud,
- 20 Your Honor. I don't think it's worth it.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: I'm sorry. What was that tab
- 22 again?
- MR. BEGLEITER: 21, page 020, and paragraphs 5 and
- 24 9. They were read -- portions were read to Mr. Lehmkuhl
 - yesterday by Mr. Beckner. Rather than go -- have it read

- because they're -- it would take a moment or two, I'll ask
- 2 Mr. Lehmkuhl to read it to himself and I'll ask a follow-up
- 3 question.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Let's go off the record
- 5 while he reads it. And when you're ready, tell us.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.
- 7 (A discussion was held off the record.)
- 8 BY MR. BEGLEITER:
- 9 Q This is -- this is a declaration signed by Mr.
- 10 Nourain on 6/12 -- which is dated 6/12/95?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Within those paragraphs, is there any information
- 13 that you had back in June of 1995 which would be -- which
- 14 would be contrary to the information contained in those
- 15 paragraphs?
- 16 A No.
- MR. BECKNER: Object to the form of the question,
- 18 Your Honor. He's asking basically for the Witness'
- 19 knowledge of what was in Mr. Nourain's mind. And I don't
- 20 think he's competent --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, there's been enough
- foundation laid in terms of the communication going back and
- 23 forth between he and Mr. Nourain. I mean, that's why --
- MR. BECKNER: Well, I would prefer the question
- asked if Mr. Nourain ever told him anything that was

- inconsistent with paragraphs 5 or 9, something like that.
- 2 MR. BEGLEITER: I'm going beyond that. I asked
- 3 does he know anything.
- 4 JUDGE SIPPEL: Yes. I don't care how he -- I
- 5 mean, if he -- I'm going to overrule the objection. Go
- 6 ahead.
- 7 MR. BEGLEITER: Okay.
- BY MR. BEGLEITER:
- 9 Q Mr. Lehmkuhl, did you know anything that would be
- 10 contrary?
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q Okay. And in -- in -- did you ever discuss this -
- going back to this surreply, did you discuss this -- this
- 14 surreply with Mr. Barr?
- 15 A Yes, I did.
- 16 Q Did you ever tell Mr. Barr that -- as to whether
- 17 you had any problem with the rendition of Mr. Nourain's
- 18 statement?
- 19 A I did review the document. And I did not
- 20 communicate to Mr. Barr whether or not I had a problem with
- 21 anything in there.
- Q Okay. Did you have a problem?
- 23 A No, I did not.
- 24 MR. BEGLEITER: All right. One more area, Your
 - 25 Honor. This will take less than half an hour. And I think

- this -- let me just check my notes. This may be it. That's
- 2 it, Your Honor. I have no more questions.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. That's it. Then that's
- 4 the end of the redirect. I -- I don't see anything that was
- 5 raised that wasn't already covered on cross examination. We
- 6 have -- that concludes your testimony, Mr. Lehmkuhl. You're
- 7 excused. My instructions are that you're not to talk about
- 8 the substance of your testimony with anybody who was
- 9 testifying at this phase. And since we've been discussing
- the possibility of Mr. Barr testifying, I'll ask you not to
- 11 talk to him about it either.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay?
- 14 MR. BEGLEITER: I will note that Your Honor
- 15 referred to Mr. Nourain's testimony during the testimony of
- 16 Mr. Lehmkuhl -- during his testimony.
- 17 JUDGE SIPPEL: Yes, I know.
- 18 MR. BEGLEITER: Violating the order.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, that's -- I --
- MR. WEBER: Your Honor --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: I'm going to have to discipline
- 22 myself. Yes, Mr. Weber?
- MR. WEBER: I know this goes without saying, but
- \sim 24 your instructions to Mr. Lehmkuhl I'm sure also go to Mr.
 - 25 Gutmann, too, correct?

- 1 JUDGE SIPPEL: Yes. Of course. All right.
- 2 That's true, Mr. Lehmkuhl.
- 3 MR. BEGLEITER: That is whether he's paid by
- 4 Liberty or not.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: It's not a question of money. All
- fight. We're -- let's -- we're excusing Mr. Lehmkuhl.
- 7 Let's go off the record for a minute.
- 8 (A discussion was held off the record.)
- JUDGE SIPPEL: We're back on the record. Mr.
- 10 Lehmkuhl has been excused. We're going to -- it's 12:15 and
- we're going to resume at 1:15. The question I have with
- 12 respect to the documents, was there any review of the -- of
- 13 Liberty's minutes, their corporate minutes during this
- period of January '95 to June '95 to see if there was any
- 15 discussion about any of this?
- MR. BEGLEITER: Your Honor, if you were a
- 17 litigant, I would say objection, no foundation. There --
- when you say minutes, do you mean board of directors minutes
- 19 such as --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Yes.
- 21 MR. BEGLEITER: You know, I don't --
- MR. SPITZER: I think it's fair to say, Your
- Honor, I don't think there's ever been a formal board
- 24 meeting of Liberty.
 - MR. BEGLEITER: We'll find out.

- JUDGE SIPPEL: I mean, it's a legitimate question.
- MR. BEGLEITER: No, it is. It is, Your Honor.
- 3 MR. SPITZER: Oh, absolutely. And we don't mean
- 4 to make light of it, but there -- we are familiar with the
- 5 realm of corporate documentation for Liberty Cable. We will
- 6 check on this, but I am almost one hundred percent certain
- 7 that there are no such documents because there has never
- 8 been a formal meeting of that nature other if there needed
- 9 to be minutes submitted to the Secretary of State just to
- incorporate and the fact of a meeting. But we are rather
- 11 familiar with the principals and the way the company is run.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: It's -- it's remote, but not beyond
- 13 the realm --
- 14 MR. BEGLEITER: We will check. We will check
- 15 everything.
- 16 JUDGE SIPPEL: All right.
- 17 MR. BEGLEITER: We're not like Time Warner. We
- 18 don't have it lost.
- 19 JUDGE SIPPEL: That's enough. That's enough. I'm
- 20 -- I'm cutting into your lunchtime here. We're in recess,
- 21 Your Honor.
- MR. BEGLEITER: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I
- 23 apologize.
- 24 (Whereupon, at 12:15 p.m., the hearing recessed to
 - reconvene at 1:15 p.m., this same day.)

25 Q Could you please tell us what your educational Heritage Reporting Corporation (202) 628-4888

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- 1 background, the institutions from which you graduated and
- 2 when?
- 3 A I attended Friends School, secondary school in
- 4 Philadelphia. I then went to Princeton University and
- 5 graduated from the Woodrow Wilson School there in 1962. I
- 6 attended the Yale Law School immediately thereafter and
- 7 graduated in 1965.
- 8 Q If you could -- when did you join Liberty Cable
- 9 and the predecessor, Bartholdi?
- 10 A I joined Liberty in early 1991. I believe it was
- 11 January.
- 12 Q If you could quickly walk through your career from
- 13 1965 through 1991.
- 14 A After law school, I served in the military. I was
- a lieutenant in the Air Force. And my function was the
- 16 chief of security police of the 903rd tactical airlift group
- 17 as part of the 514th tactical airlift wing at MacGuire Air
- 18 Force Base. After my career in the military, I took on an
- 19 assignment as general counsel to the New York City Taxi
- 20 Commission.
- 21 And thereafter, after a short assignment there
- 22 when the job of the -- what was called the Taxi Study Panel
- 23 ended, I took a job at Time -- at then Time Incorporated,
- 24 actually. But I think it was Time Life at that point before
- 25 it became Time Incorporated, and was assistant to the

- 1 publisher, then subscription manager. That was assistant to
- 2 the publisher of Life and then subscription manager for
- 3 Sports Illustrated.
- In my last job at Time Inc. was in 1970 as
- 5 director of corporate development for the corporation. I
- 6 then left Time Incorporated to, with a couple of other
- 7 fellows, form a company called Magazine Networks, a media
- 8 company. And Time Incorporated was one of our major clients
- 9 along with most of the other publishing businesses, magazine
- 10 publishers. We built that firm; sold it to Minnesota
- 11 Mining, to 3M in the late '70s.
- I was director of a few companies at that point
- when I departed from 3M. They wanted me to go overseas and
- 14 I want to stay in the United States; and worked actively on
- several of the companies that I was a director of.
- 16 Thereafter, I was publisher of the New York Post from -- for
- a couple of years from I believe it was about, oh, '87 to
- 18 '89; and then president and publisher of the National Sports
- Daily from approximately '89 to '91 when I joined then
- 20 Liberty Cable.
- 21 Q And do you remember -- did you say earlier it was
- 22 January '91 you joined Liberty?
- 23 A Yes, January or February, the beginning of the
- 24 year.
 - 25 Q The early part of 1991.

1 A Yes.

Q Could you describe -- first give us your title and then describe for us the responsibilities you had at Liberty Cable when you first joined.

A I was president of the company and co-chief executive officer along with Howard Milstein. My responsibilities were those of a chief executive which was to be ultimately responsible for all operations of the company, specifically to -- to organize and have report to me a customer service department, an operations department, a marketing department, a finance department, and to oversee various legal initiatives that were emerging.

One was to manage the application for access to the 18 gigahertz frequency which Liberty had pioneered with the FCC and was then just being granted or the process was being completed for the grant of access for private cable to that frequency; to oversee technology expansion of the company through joint ventures and partnerships with other companies.

We had ideas about other technologies, direct satellite technologies then called video dialtone fiber technologies -- to oversee those partnerships; and to raise capital to support the accelerated expansion of the company.

Q What were just generally the means about which you were considering possibly raising capital?

1	A The major means at that point was to secure bank
2	financing, which we did, toward eventually the goal of
3	finding either an equity partner in the short term in some
4	kind of either venture capital or mezzanine financing
5	arrangement, to lead to either a public market so we could
6	obtain capital from the public or effect a merger with a
7	larger company who would provide us the means to expand
8	nationally beyond New York.
9	Q And I did hear you earlier mention 18 gigahertz.
10	I'm going to try to steer us back to what is the general
11	subject matter of this hearing. Could you tell us in the
12	spring of 1994 early part of 1994 who were the various
13	individuals who filled the positions you had mentioned? I
14	think you sales operations, engineering, customer service.
15	If you could describe how those individuals reported up
16	through the structure of Liberty Cable.
17	A In 1994 I believe by 1994, Bruce McKinnon had
18	departed who was chief operating officer for a period. So
19	at that point, the department heads were Bertina Ceccarelli
20	who was the director of marketing; the head of customer
21	service I believe at that juncture was Anne Rosenburg, the
22	manager of customer service; the general manager of
23	operations was Tony Ontiveros. I don't recall the
24	controller at that moment in time. There was Dan Carrea.

He was succeeded by another gentleman who became the

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- 1 controller.
- 2 And then there were, in addition to those
- department heads, on the various legal matters be they
- 4 financing of the company or city regulatory matters or
- 5 federal regulatory matters, be they licensing or the various
- 6 initiatives at the Commission on subjects like the
- 7 homewiring docket, we would have different firms working on
- 8 their specialties in those different areas.
- 9 Q Would you -- if you could just list those firms
- 10 for us, please.
- 11 A The licensing was being done by Pepper & Corazzini
- firm. The FCC initiative in the homewiring area and also
- our participation in various video dialtone and open video
- 14 system proceedings was being handled by the Ginsburg,
- 15 Feldman firm by Henry Rivera. In -- and later, Wiley, Rein
- 16 represented us on FCC matters, but not at that particular
- 17 juncture. The -- in New York City --
- 18 Q May I just interrupt? Mr. Pettit wants it clear
- 19 that that was not until June of 1995, is that correct?
- 20 A That's correct. The -- the -- in the New York
- 21 City front the Fischbein, Badillo firm, I believe they had
- 22 started representing us on city matters at that point or was
- 23 shortly thereafter. On state cable commission matters, Jim
- 24 McNaughton would represent us sometimes on New Jersey
- 25 matters, sometimes on New York matters if Time Warner

- 1 brought them into a New York form and required his skills in
- New York. We would bring him in on New York matters.
- 3 Kelly, Drye was the firm who was working on
- 4 financing matters for us and, in fact, at that juncture was
- 5 working on a substantial draft of an S-1 document,
- 6 securities filing for the company. And we were also
- 7 involved with Townley & Updike on copyright matters, Sandy
- 8 Edelman who was a partner there. And, of course, we're also
- 9 involved with the Constantine firm on various corporate
- 10 matters, financing, contracts, program contracts.
- 11 And I was also involved with Andrew Berkman who
- was our company general counsel. Although he had outside
- 13 clients and had a practice of his own, he did a lot of the
- 14 Liberty work. And finally, I was involved with Bob Lewis
- 15 who was a -- an individual practitioner who was representing
- 16 us in litigation matters as -- we had a proceeding at that
- 17 point with -- involving Turner and some litigation with
- 18 Turner over use of commercials that Time Warner didn't take
- 19 very well.
- 20 Q These -- this multitude of lawyers whom you've
- 21 listed, to whom did they report at Liberty Cable?
- 22 A They reported directly to me.
- 23 Q And if we could just run through some of the other
- individuals whom you had mentioned. Mr. Berkman reported to
- 25 whom?

- 1 A Well, he reported to me on Liberty Cable matters.
- 2 He reported to Howard Milstein on other matters involving
- 3 other Milstein entities, Milstein Properties, Douglas
- 4 Elleman, et cetera.
- 5 Q Bertina Ceccarelli reported to whom?
- 6 A She reported directly and exclusively to me.
- 7 Q And when she was replaced by Jennifer Walden, to
- 8 whom did Jennifer report?
- 9 A Directly and exclusively to me.
- 10 Q Mr. Ontiveros reported to whom?
- 11 A To me.
- 12 Q Anne Rosenburg?
- 13 A To me.
- 14 Q And was there an engineering function within
- 15 Liberty Cable, as well?
- 16 A Yes. The engineering function was -- existed when
- 17 I joined Liberty. But it was very routine at that point.
- 18 We were just a satellite master antennae company with a very
- 19 simple maintenance function to perform. When I joined the
- 20 company, I brought in a -- a consulting firm, Joe Stern,
- 21 Stern Consulting who were microwave experts and we feel --
- 22 and I felt needed substantially more technical advice on how
- 23 to expand our microwave network or in fact create our
- - 25 And after working for us for a period of months,

- 1 Mr. Stern suggested we really needed an upgraded chief
- 2 engineer function to encompass not just maintenance
- 3 competence, but also to extend over obtaining FCC licenses
- 4 and actually building out a substantial microwave network.
- 5 And that engineering function resided in the operations
- 6 department and reported to Tony Ontiveros.
- 7 Q Did Mr. Stern assist you in hiring somebody?
- 8 A Yes. We asked him for recommendations, and he
- 9 gave us several names. And his recommendation among those
- 10 names was Behrooz Nourain who we hired for that chief
- 11 engineer function.
- 12 Q And to whom did he report over the course of 1994
- 13 through 1995?
- 14 A He reported to the operations department, to Tony
- 15 Ontiveros.
- 16 Q Okay. Could you explain to the Court your
- understanding of the regulatory environment in which Liberty
- operated at the point in time when it began using the 18
- 19 gigahertz transmission system?
- 20 A At that point in time, it was a -- an environment
- 21 really that didn't exist because there were no to my
- 22 knowledge -- and I think to most of our knowledge -- there
- 23 was no one operating on 18 gigahertz, at least no private
- 24 cable operator operating on the 18 gigahertz frequency.
 - 25 And we had to essentially learn our way with the

- 1 help of counsel and by talking to people at the FCC about
- 2 how to 1) make this application for access to the frequency
- and 2) how to apply for licenses once the frequency was
- 4 authorized for this type of use, and thirdly, how to obtain
- those licenses and, you know, implement them going forward.
- Q Had Liberty Cable been involved in getting the FCC
- 7 to approve the use of 18 gigahertz for private use?
- 8 A Yes. Liberty had worked with the advice of Pepper
- 9 & Corazzini. We had applied for through someone who worked
- 10 for us the application to access that frequency and
- basically pioneered video on the 18 gigahertz frequency on
- the rationale that it would create competition in the video
- marketplace that at that juncture was a strong policy of the
- 14 FCC.
- 15 Q And once that process or that frequency was
- approved by the FCC, you understood you needed a license in
- order to operation along the 18 gigahertz frequency?
- 18 A Yes, we did.
- 19 Q Did you create a structure within Liberty to
- 20 assure yourself that you would comply with whatever
- 21 regulatory structure the FCC had created?
- 22 A I asked, then, our chief operating officer, Bruce
- 23 McKinnon, to work with Todd Parriott at Pepper & Corazzini
- 24 to put in place a procedure that would ensure that these
- 25 licenses were applied for and were reconciled and accounted

- 1 for as we expanded the network.
- 2 Q And did you send a memorandum to Mr. McKinnon to
- 3 that effect?
- 4 A Yes, I did.
- 5 Q If I could ask you to look at what has been marked
- 6 as Liberty/Bureau Exhibit 2 which is before you.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: That's the one page document?
- 8 MR. SPITZER: I'm sorry?
- 9 JUDGE SIPPEL: That's the one page document?
- 10 MR. SPITZER: That is correct, Your Honor.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay. The Witness has it.
- MR. SPITZER: Thank you, sir.
- BY MR. SPITZER:
- 14 Q Mr. Price, was this a -- is this a copy of the
- memorandum you sent to Mr. McKinnon on or about February
- 16 26th, '92?
- 17 A Yes, it is.
- 18 Q Okay. Now, if you can just take a quick moment to
- 19 read the short document.
- 20 A Yes, I've read it.
- Q Okay. Above and beyond this document which you've
- 22 referred to, what else did you do to create the structure?
- 23 A I had meetings with Bruce McKinnon and the
- 24 operations staff before this time and after this time to
 - 25 check to see if they were complying with the procedure to

- see if they were requesting the licenses to see if they were
- 2 coordinating with Washington counsel. And I would speak
- with Washington counsel on a regular basis asking them if
- 4 there were things we should do or -- or any filings that
- should be made that weren't being made. So among my other
- duties, I tried to see that there was some kind of follow
- 7 up.
- 8 Q You referred to Washington counsel. Which -- you
- 9 listed a number of firms who -- earlier who worked for
- 10 Liberty Cable. Which counsel are you referring to who had
- 11 this responsibility?
- 12 A Specifically, Pepper & Corazzini, although I would
- 13 talk in discussions with Henry Rivera and the partners at
- the Ginsburg, Feldman firm. Some of the issues would
- overlap. For example, if Henry and his partners were filing
- 16 a -- a Liberty document relating to the FCC annual report to
- 17 Congress and it related to our use of the 18 gig frequency
- and what we were doing and reporting our position in the
- 19 industry and how many sites we were serving, it might -- I
- 20 might well talk to the Ginsburg firm about 18 gigahertz
- 21 issues at the time, although not to ask them to apply for
- 22 licenses.
- 23 Q Was it your understanding that the attorneys in
- 24 Washington had to interact in some manner with the
 - operations group and the engineering group up in New York in

- order for this system to work?
- 2 A Yes. I felt -- and you can see from the context
- of the memo -- that it was absolutely critical because the
- 4 amount of paper even in the early days when we didn't have -
- 5 when we only were applying for a dozen licenses rather
- 6 than dozens of licenses, at that time the flow of paperwork
- 7 was substantial. And as a business person, even as a
- 8 lawyer, it was not easily decipherable by me, at least in
- 9 the form it was arriving raw from the FCC.
- 10 Q And what was your understanding, if you had one,
- about how operations and engineering would interact with the
- 12 attorneys in Washington in the '94 through mid-'95 time
- frame in this licensing process?
- 14 A It was my understanding that they would reconcile
- 15 the sites to be installed that we had contracted for service
- and reconcile them with the applications for licenses being
- applied for and the date that the licenses were granted so
- we could conform the operations to FCC licensing
- 19 requirements.
- 20 Q Were you involved on a regular basis in that
- 21 process?
- 22 A No, I was not.
- 23 Q What was your understanding about when you would
- 24 get involved or would be asked to get involved in that
- 25 process?

It was my understanding always with our operations 1 2 people that not being an engineer or a technical person on a day-to-day basis, I could not help them; but it was my job 3 as the chief executive to problem-solve with them or get 4 involved if they had something that wasn't working, 5 6 something that was broken, something that they couldn't fix 7 themselves or felt that they needed help with. And my expression was just raise your hand and like a class, I 8 will, you know, go down the aisle and see what I can do to 9 help you figure out how to solve the problem. 10 Had there been an instance early in the history of 11 12 Liberty Cable where you had gotten involved in this 13 regulatory process? It was brought to my attention by I believe 14 Yes. the -- the operations people as well as Washington counsel 15 that, while we had applied for many licenses, based upon the 16 17 authorization for access to the 18 gig frequency, that in fact no licenses were forthcoming. And since we were 18 building up some name and reputation for being a competitor 19 to Time Warner and had people coming to us, it was a looming 20 problem that we couldn't go forward without getting FCC 21 22 licenses. So I asked the Pepper & Corazzini firm, 23

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specifically Todd Parriott, to set up a meeting for me in

Washington so I could go down and effectively plead our

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- case, that we were trying to compete and we thought we were
- 2 doing the right thing in terms of applying for authority but
- didn't seem to be able to get it and needed advice.
- Q Could you just give us a time frame in which this event transpired?
- A I believe it was fall 1991; October, November, in
- 7 that time frame. And I did go to Washington. Todd Parriott
- 8 described to me what he called a brown bag lunch at the FCC.
- 9 And that turned -- I did go to Washington; met him at his
- office; was introduced to Bob Corazzini.
- I had never been to the firm before or met any of
- the people, so it was a good occasion to do so; and
- 13 afterwards, went over to the Commission and attended this
- 14 session which was in one of the conference rooms at the
- 15 Commission where there were approximately 50 people in the
- 16 audience and -- who were being addressed by I believe it was
- 17 the Private Radio Bureau at that time, which I gather today
- is the predecessor of the Wireless Bureau at the FCC.
- 19 And the questions being asked related to various
- 20 private radio functions. I think it included boats and
- 21 taxicabs and a whole variety of uses. I specifically asked
- 22 what the -- why it was that our licenses were being held up.
- 23 And the -- I don't know -- remember exactly who it was who
- 24 responded. One of the -- I believe most of the senior
 - 25 management of the bureau was there.

- 1 And one of them described the problem as a computer problem; that because of the frequency being so 2 3 new, they in fact didn't have a software program which was capable of issuing up the licenses and that there was a 4 technical reason for this delay. And they invited me to 5 step afterward and discuss the matter further which I did. 6 And I believe it was Ralph Howler, I think he was the bureau 7 chief at that point, was really quite responsive. 8 9 In fact, he was upset to hear about the problem and suggested that we apply for what he called STAs which 10 was the first time I heard the term, special temporary 11 authority, in order to get us started prior to the 12 Commission being able to release formal licenses. 13 And did you in fact obtain STAs at that point in 14 time or shortly thereafter? 15 Shortly thereafter, we did obtain those STAs. 16 But it was your understanding based on the 17 0 18 structure you created, it was in that type of environment that you would personally get involved in the process of 19 20 obtaining licenses? 21 Α Yes, it was. Over the course of 1994 through early 1995, were 22 there other instances where you were asked to get involved 23
 - 25 A Not -- in -- not specifically in licensing

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in that matter?

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- 1 matters, but questions would come up all the time which
- 2 would get specifically referred to my attention. There was
- a flow of licensing activity going on which sometimes passed
- 4 by my desk; not directed to me, but directed to Liberty
- 5 Cable or being asked for us to -- to process applications.
- But what would be directed to me would be a
- 7 proceeding at the FCC where someone in the 18 gig
- 8 neighborhood or even on that frequency would be asking for
- 9 the FCC to consider some other use of the frequency and
- 10 would ask for comments from people.
- And counsel would ask me or operations would clip
- this out of the -- some publication and say shouldn't we
- participate in this or as a mention in the report to
- 14 Congress or -- so there would be regular occasions when I
- 15 would be asked to make a policy decision. But I was not --
- 16 it was not engaging in the normal licensing process.
- 17 Q Would you on occasion, however, sign either an
- 18 application or an opposition to a document being submitted
- 19 by Time Warner in opposition to a Liberty application?
- 20 A Yes. Those would be policy decisions. Those
- 21 would be not in the normal course of our business
- 22 interventions where we would be -- had to make a judgement
- call, an executive decision if you will; should we
- 24 participate, should we change a procedure in place; should
- 25 we respond in some way to something else going on that was

- 1 out of the ordinary.
- 2 Q And you became aware I would presume that in
- 3 January or thereabouts of 1995, Time Warner began to oppose
- 4 the applications for licenses that were filed by Liberty
- 5 Cable.
- 6 A Yes, I did.
- 7 Q Were you told in the period 1994 through the end
- 8 of April 1995 before a building was activated?
- 9 A No, I was not advised of when a building was
- 10 activated or it was to be activated.
- 11 Q And who in fact would have the responsibility of
- 12 activating a building?
- 13 A The operations department.
- 14 Q And just so it's clear, what do you mean by
- 15 activation?
- 16 A Activation to my mind is the -- the lighting of a
- building as we would say; the actual providing of service,
- transmission of video to a building through our microwave
- 19 network.
- 20 Q During this same period, 1994 through the end of
- 21 April 1995, did you know when particular buildings had
- 22 received authorization, whether by means of license or an
- 23 STA?
- 24 A No, I did not.
- 25 Q Did you maintain any list of such buildings that